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GOV. JOSEPH W. FOLK

is giving for the Democratic ticket throughout southeast Missouri.

Thursday night, September 21, Frank Regan will lecture at the Church, afternoon and night, illustrated cartoons touching on the liquor traffic from the point of the taxpayer. The speaker is cordially invited.

The seven months ending July 1916 were exported for the use of the army in Europe. So the mule is the motor-truck for army and remains the same obstinate dependable traction power as of old.

Monday, Sept. 25th, Geo. Hackland, candidate for State Auditor, and Henry Lamm, candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket, together with John C. McKinley, of Union, Mo., will deliver addresses in the county at the following places: Vandalia, 9:30 a. m. Mexico: 1:30 p. m.

The primary vote shows Democrats are largely in the majority in the state. It is necessary therefore, in the state, to insure success is, for the Democrats participated in the primary election. There is no fear entertained that a victory will be recanted to his Victory is assured if they but use their privilege and do their duty.

Highway Engineer. Those who are really in favor of a good road should arrange immediately to have a petition circulated and presented to the meeting of the County Court. If the election is not ordered at that time, it will be too late to get the general election. Of course, the people of the county don't want a highway engineer, why that is different; but as far as we hear those who really want good roads are practically unanimously in favor of this measure.

State Highway Engineer. FRANK BUFFUM was in Mexico this week, and says that "Audrain county is not getting to the front with good roads as it should. I don't see why in the world it can't have a highway engineer here after matters of that kind. It is a matter of fact, the day of talking about good roads is past. We are getting to spend some real money if we want results."

Necessary Campaign Expenses. DEMOCRATS in Audrain County are interested in the campaign, and make their contributions to the campaign. It requires considerable money to meet the necessary legitimate expenses of the campaign, and the only way the committee can raise money is by voluntary gift from the people. To advocate the principles of the democratic party. If you are really interested in the success of your party, you will gladly and cordially make a contribution even if it is small, so that the necessary expenses of the campaign may be met in a dignified business-like way.

MEXICO COUPLE MARRIED. Robert C. Hook and Miss Althea Bull married Tuesday.

Robert Clark Hook, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hook, of this city, and Miss Althea Bull, of near Mexico, were married Tuesday evening at the residence of the Rev. A. A. Wallace.

The young people are well known and have many friends in and out of Mexico. They will make their home on a farm near Mexico.

The Ledger joins their many friends in wishing them all possible happiness and prosperity.

OLD FELLOWS TO CENTRALIA. An Odd Fellows Attend Meeting in Centralia Tuesday.

E. L. Johnson, C. H. Hamilton, Peter Thuman, Stallings and Isaac Taylor motored to Centralia Tuesday evening and attended a meeting of the Odd Fellows Lodge there. The class was initiated and there was some third degree work. The Mexico party returned Tuesday night.

NEW MOTOR FUEL SOON. Henry Ford, of Detroit, Says Solution is Near.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 20. — Henry Ford was in Kansas City Tuesday night and said a new motor fuel would shortly be on the market. Mr. Ford said the use of denatured alcohol as motor fuel was practically solved. He has had two chemists at work on the problem and they see success in the near future.

Former Mexico Woman Dead. According to a dispatch in the St. Louis Republic Wednesday morning, from Georgetown, Texas, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Tinsler, of that city, 95 years old, is dead. Mrs. Tinsler lived in this city many years and afterward resided in Louisville, Ky. She leaves one daughter, Miss Sadie Tinsler.

We will pay you 10c a pound for these all this week. — Mexico Poultry Company. Old Mill Building, No. 1 Jefferson street. wlt.

Eton Whitney, of this city, is connected with Democratic State headquarters in St. Louis.

Box Supper! There will be a box supper at the Bryan School Saturday night, September 23. Everyone is invited. wlt.

Percy Collins went to Springfield, Ill. Wednesday.

MONSTER CROWD HEARS DEMOCRATS SPEAK MON.

Champ Clark, State Auditor Gordon and Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, Speak in Mexico.

CLARK FORSEES VICTORY. Senator Robinson Asserts Wilson's Crowning Achievement in the Preservation of Peace With Honor.

One of the largest crowds that ever listened to a political speech in Mexico packed the Circuit Court room on Monday night when Speaker Champ Clark, State Auditor John P. Gordon and Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, spoke. Chairman William Vivion presided over the meeting. In his opening remarks he warned the Democrats of Audrain county against the dangers of over-confidence and urged all to do their full duty. Mr. Vivion introduced Speaker Clark, the first speaker, as the "best loved individual and the best speaker."

"I am glad to be home again," were the opening words of the Speaker. "This is one of the most stupendous spectacles ever witnessed by man, when 100,000,000 people choose their chief officer and for the sixty-fifth time a House of Representatives and one third of our Congress."

"The President is the President of us all, regardless of political beliefs. In this election we must remember that a Democratic House and Senate is just as important as a Democratic President."

"The American people will not buy a pig in a poke in this election. The four leading candidates of the two great parties are all within the grasp of the average voter. Wilson is Governor of New Jersey, is President and I confidently believe, will be President again. One good term deserves another."

"The candidates are all great men and to pick flaws in their personal character is peanut politics and to abuse them is preposterous."

In speaking of Hughes' campaign issues, or rather of his lack of them, Speaker Clark said: "In 1908 at Youngstown, Ohio, Hughes made the greatest Republican speech I ever heard. Those who heard that speech and have heard his efforts since his nomination, have reached one of two conclusions — either that after his service on the bench, where political speeches were barred, his tongue and pen have lost their cunning, or else that he has no real criticism, or no concrete proposition."

Speaker Clark asserted that under the Democratic tariff, on which the Republicans have so many misfortunes in the past, the American people are more prosperous than ever. "It will never do at this time to ewap haves in the middle of the stream."

"The Republicans used to say that the Democratic party was a party of negation, now they accuse of doing too much. There has been more remedial and constructive legislation in the past three and one-half years than in the past twenty years. Most of the bills passed in the past three and one-half years should have been passed twenty years ago. We want the Democrats to stay in until we get all of our program spread on the statute books and then if we prove to be failures, kick us out and if our program proves good, keep them out."

Gordon Answers Lamm. State Auditor Gordon was the next speaker. Mr. Gordon gave it as his firm conviction that Wilson would carry more states in 1916 than he did in 1912. He then made answer to charges made by Judge Lamm that the State Treasury was "busted flatter than a fitter." He stated that under the present State administration there were several thousand dollars in excess of \$4,000,000 in the treasury while under the Republican administration there was only a little over \$3,000,000. He then took each State office and showed that more money was collected and placed in the treasury under Democratic officials than under the Republican administration.

Sen. Robinson Speaks. Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, followed Auditor Gordon on the platform. "The Democratic party has, by their Federal Reserve Act, made money panics an impossibility in the future. Without this law there would have been a panic at the opening of the European war the like of which the world has never seen before. The best interests of the future are bound up with the Democrats."

a recent speech Fairbanks said that only the grace of God and Republican party have saved this country from ruin. I dislike this implication of an allegiance between Providence and the Republican party."

Senator Robinson praised the Missouri State ticket and stated that there was no reason why it should not be elected. "You cannot carry the National ticket and let the State ticket go."

Senator Robinson touched upon the Rural Credits Bill and the recent Good Roads Bill. Then passed on to the recent threatened railway strike.

Praises Eight-Hour Law. "The recent eight hour law passed by Congress saved the people of this country from the worst calamity that would have entailed more suffering than the Civil War. Should Congress have stood with folded arms? The party in power cannot divest itself of responsibility at will. The safety of travelers demands the protection of a reasonable limit in the hours of service."

"Peace With Honor." "Hughes says that he is in hearty accord with Mr. Roosevelt on all the great questions of the day. It means, then, that he favors complicity in the military training. What all the men of this country between the ages of sixteen and sixty would have to give part of their time to being soldiers. Mothers, would you not rather have adequate protection for them and give them the right to choose their own occupation? If the Republicans had had their way we would now be fighting on the arid deserts of Mexico, in the trenches of Europe. Mothers and wives would have been weeping for their loved ones, but thanks to our great and matchless Democratic leader we have peace. The greatest achievement in the great administration of President Wilson is his success in preserving peace while maintaining the honor and dignity of the Republic."

Senator Reed and Frank McAllister, Democratic nominee for Attorney General, who were with the party in Columbia, were unable to reach here in time to speak last night, but came in on the 10:50 Alton and joined the party here last night. The entire party, consisting of Speaker Clark, Auditor Gordon, Senator Robinson, John L. Sullivan, Democratic nominee for Secretary of War, Senator Reed and Frank McAllister, left here Tuesday morning for Bowling Green and Louisiana.

HAZING ABSENT AT COLUMBIA. University of Missouri Freshmen Greeted With Offers of Aid. COLUMBIA, Mo., Sept. 20. — For the first time that old-timers here can remember there was an absence of the customary hazing of freshmen entering Missouri University at the beginning of the new school term yesterday. On their arrival the freshmen were greeted by upper classmen who proffered them aid and information instead of jeering at them. First-year students still are requested to wear colored skull caps, but this is merely a means of identification. Student President L. C. Lozier said that any sophomore found guilty of hazing a freshman would be turned over to the Student Senate and punishment would be recommended.

AT STATE FAIR. Audrain Stock Entered in Missouri's Great Annual Exhibition. Audrain, whose number of thoroughbred stock increases each year, will be represented at the State Fair September 25 to 31. F. L. Crosby has eleven head of his great Clydesdales entered. — He won most of the firsts last year in the class. Tom Bass will have a number of his good ones there in the saddle classes. "Jump" Cauthorn's Marshall Chief is entered in the \$2,500 world's champion saddle stake. Some of this county's splendid blooded hogs will likely be entered.

MUNDY'S STOCK SELLS WELL.

Stock Sale at Horace Mundy Farm Brings Good Prices.

The stock sale of Horace Mundy, held at City View Stock Park, west of town, Tuesday afternoon, was a success. The total amount of the sales amounted to \$4,850. J. G. Ford was auctioneer and J. C. Mundy and W. W. Pollock were the clerks.

Sheep sold from \$10.65 to \$12.75 per head; weanling colts at \$48.50 to \$70.00; hogs at \$19 to \$33. The cattle sold well. The prices brought were very satisfactory.

Vandalia Couple to Wed. VANDALIA, Mo., Sept. 14. — The engagement of Miss Lois Northcutt and Irvine Biggs was announced last night at a dinner given by Mrs. Orland Clapton. Both are members of wealthy pioneer families. Mr. Biggs is a grandson of former State Senator Biggs and his great-grandfather was a member of the first Missouri Legislature. The wedding will take place November 14.

TELEGRAPH MANAGERS MEET. Managers of Western Union Offices Meet in Moberly.

The managers of the various offices of the Western Union Telegraph Company in this section of the State met in Moberly Tuesday night. After a business and get-together meeting a banquet was served at the Merchants Hotel. W. S. Robbins, manager of the local Western Union office, was among those who attended this meeting.

Marquess Wallace has gone to Waynesboro, Va., where he has an important position as teacher in a large military school.

U. S. Death Rate Lowest in 1915. WASHINGTON, Sept. 20. — The lowest death rate in the country's history is shown in preliminary vital statistics for the year 1915, made public yesterday by the Census Bureau. The rate, 13.5 per thousand, is based on reports from 25 States and 41 cities, with a total population of about 67,000,000.

In 1914 the percentage of deaths was 13.6, the lowest recorded up to that time. There has been a steady decrease. The average rate during the period 1901-1905 was 16.2.

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It is the people of the United States who are on trial, not Woodrow Wilson. No President in history has been called upon to face such a succession of tremendous problems; no President in history has ever faced problems with more courage, vision and statesmanship.

His international policies have given us peace with honor; his domestic policies have given us prosperity and justice.

Not one of those who oppose him has dared to file a bill of particulars against him; not one has had the manhood to say boldly what he would have done that Woodrow Wilson has done, or what he would have done that Wilson has not done.

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Never were issues so plain; on one hand a President who puts America first, and on the other hand, those who put party first.

Patriotism versus spoils; empty promises versus splendid performance. Democracy against Toryism, progress against reaction, honorable peace against financial imperialism, even-handed justice against special privilege, prosperity against panics.

To reject Woodrow Wilson is to reject the wise laws that have given American industry and business such amazing impetus.

To reject Woodrow Wilson is to reject the foreign policies that have given us peace and honor and highest standing.

To reject Woodrow Wilson is to turn the United States over to chaos between November 2, 1916, and March, 3, 1917, for his repudiation involves the surrender of every American contention with foreign nations.

Do you want to drop a pilot who has steered us safely through the rocks and storms?

You don't have to wait until election day to make the one answer that an American can make.

An immediate contribution to the Woodrow Wilson campaign fund puts you in the fight at once on the right side.

Against the millions of the opposition, Woodrow Wilson places entire dependence upon the free offerings of the people.

Send your contribution today to the Ledger. Your name will be printed on our roll of honor, and you will receive a handsome engraved receipt from Wilbur W. M. reh, Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee.

Farmers Working Good Roads. CHARLESTON, Mo., Sept. 20. — The completion of the Hodgman's Landing — Charleston's permanent highway — has added a great impetus to the good roads movement in Mississippi County. The Hodgman's Landing road is the only permanent road in the county. It is expected that Mississippi county's apportionment of the fund under the Government road law will be about \$20,000, and it is hoped to build a few stretches of macadam road. Owing to the recent dry spell having rendered the ground too hard to plow, the farmers have put much work on the roads.

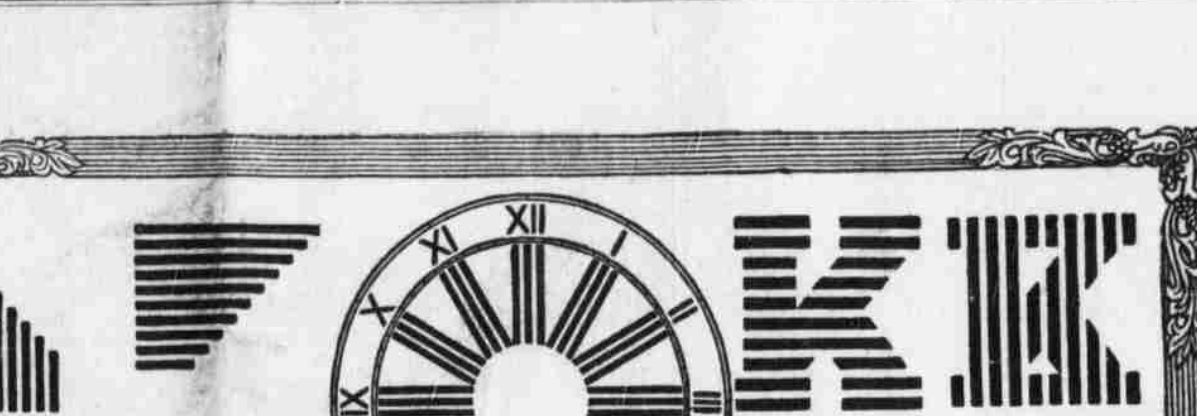
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Don't Experiment. Your sight is too valuable for you to neglect and abuse it through a false sense of pride and economy—or through the use of inferior glasses.

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New Corn and Hog Cholera. Hogs often take cholera soon after being put on a ration of new corn, and its use is often condemned on this account. New corn alone is not the cause of hog cholera, but it may be a factor, along with other conditions that helps weaken the vitality and renders the animal less resistant to disease.

In order that new corn may be fed with safety, the animals should be put in a healthy, vigorous condition before time to begin feeding.

When the animals are in a thrifty growing condition, there should be much less danger but the herd should be gotten on full feed gradually. It is well to give them about a stalk of corn per hog the first day, gradually increasing it by one stalk a head every other day so that it is getting two stalks the third day, three stalks the fifth day, and so on until they are on full feed.

This gives the stomach time to adjust itself to the new ration and is a specially good thing to do before turning old hogs into the field to hog down corn. It is less necessary in case of the shoats which are not so likely to overfeed because they do not have the weight and experience which enable them to break down the stalks rapidly. — E. R. Spence, University of Missouri College of Agriculture.

AUXVASSE ITEMS. Due to the opening of the schools in Mexico and Fulton Tuesday and Wednesday we had so many trains we almost lost sight of the fact that we still lived on the same branch road. — The Reunion here this past week was the most pleasant meeting of the old Confederates in years — good crowd, barbecued sheep, delightful weather, all combined to make it a success. — Judge C. C. Bledsoe and family, who spent Wednesday with Dr. Adams and family. — Five automobile loads went to Centralia to an Odd Fellows meeting Tuesday night from here. — Mrs. Glen Thomas delighted her friends with another of her at-home parties this week. — Rev. Chappel and family are now at home in the Methodist parsonage, arriving here Friday. — Mrs. Delbert Freeman is expected in from Arizona this week for visit to her mother, Mrs. Carlyle. — Paris Bartley with his wife and daughter, visited a sister, Mrs. Stokes, here the past week and other Callaway friends, being en route from their home in Montana to Nashville, Tenn., where they will enter their daughter in college. — Mrs. Ethel Martin is visiting relatives in St. Louis. — Overfelt & Atkinson were on the market with another car load of hogs this past week.

Williams & Sharp were over in Western Monroe County, near Woodlawn, Wednesday, looking after their farm interests. They say the crops are looking pretty good in that section.

Important Meeting! There will be a special meeting of the Commercial Club Friday at the Hotel Hoxsey at noon. All members and committees connected with the Fall Fair are requested to be present. Other matters of importance will be taken up.

Mexico Commercial Club. By R. E. Race, Secretary. 342-2. Mitchell White, of the Ledger, who has been in St. Louis for 2 weeks under treatment of Dr. Greenfield Shuler, returned home today.

Cool weather calls for Bed Blankets. We have them from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per pair. — THE ENTERPRISE STORE. d2t-wlt.

W. W. Johnson has gone to Miles City, Montana, after 10,000 western lambs.

John M. Cleary, of Kansas City, is in Mexico this week on court business.

Mexico Money Cheap. Ernest Garrett is in receipt of a 20-peso bill and 10-peso bill from his son, Ernest Garrett, Jr., who is with the regular army somewhere in Arizona. The peso is supposed to be a Mexican silver dollar, worth about 50c of our money; but in looking into the matter we find these 30-pesos of paper money is worth about 30c. Money of that character is plentiful in Old Mexico, but won't buy anything much. No country has any better more solid, currency than the United States of America.

We don't know whether Ernest is going to send his son \$30 of the United States money for the 30-pesos of Mexican money or not. The money ought to be worth \$30 as a curiosity, and as you know, you can flash it around and make it look like big money, if you want to.

John McFarland, of North Jefferson street, is attending Purdue University in Indiana.

HERMANN PELTZER TAKES STAND IN INSURANCE CASE

Brother of Theodore C. Peltzer Subjected to Severe Examination on Witness Stand Wednesday.

DEFENSE ASKS CONTINUANCE. McCordie, for Defense, Again Asks That Case be Continued—Motion Overruled by the Court.

When court opened Wednesday morning, Battle McCordie filed another petition for a continuance of the case on account of the news story of Tuesday's proceeding published in the Tuesday Evening issue of the Ledger. The contention was based upon the fact that the story tended to influence the jury in the case. The motion was overruled by Judge Gantt.

At 9:45 Wednesday morning, Hermann Peltzer, brother of Theodore C. Peltzer, took the stand. He was subjected to a severe cross examination by Mr. McCordie.

In the course of his testimony he denied that insurance money he denied that insurance policies taken out by him in 1915, before his brother's death were taken out at the instigation of his brother. He declared that they were taken out by him, at his own volition. He later stated that the premiums on insurance carried by him were paid by the Theodore C. Peltzer Investment Co.

He was asked why these policies were made payable to the Investment Company, in which he held only one share, rather than the Peltzer Estate Company, in which he had one-fourth interest, and replied that it was because the premiums were paid by the Investment Company.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, McCordie completed his examination of the witness. The examination was then taken up by Frank P. Walsh for the plaintiff. Hermann Peltzer stated that he had signed back to the administrators all of his share of the Peltzer estate. He stated that before taking out a policy in the Prudential shortly before his brother's death, he had been solicited for several months by Howard Austin, agent for the company.

He described the scene in the office of Maddox, which is in the same building as his brother's office was in, the morning of his brother's death, in which he was reproved by his brother for his past actions and promised a position in the Farmers' Trust Company, then in formation, if he would promise to do better in the future. He further asserted that the relations between he and his brother were always friendly. He was excused from the stand at 2:30.

Clyde B. Morris, who was employed in a building across from the Peltzer office, at the time Theodore Peltzer met his death, was the next witness. Mr. Morris described the manner in which Mr. Peltzer was seated in the window and of his fall to the street below.

ROWENA NEWS. Mrs. Sallie G. Hulen, of Madison, is visiting at J. Yagor's. — Miss Beulah Tribble, who is teaching at Larkley, was at home Sunday. — Misses Pearl and Ruby Walker and Lavina Beamer spent Sunday with Wilda Yager. — Miss Nellie Pulla spent Sunday at home. — Mr. Frank Tawney and family and Mrs. Sallie Hulen spent Sunday with J. W. Yager of Mexico. — Mr. and Mrs. John Forsythe and Mrs. George Forsythe and Miss Ruby Love, all of Madison, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Tenn Love. — Mrs. Lizzie Strain, of near Paris, is visiting Dr. J. I. Kirkland. — There will be a lecture at Antioch Saturday night given by Rev. Abram Protracted meeting begins at Maple Grove Sunday, Oct. 1. — A large crowd of men from Rowena attended the speaking at Mexico Monday night.

Miss Linnie Allison, of St. Louis, is visiting friends in Mexico.

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Announce the semi-annual display of fine merchant tailoring woollens by the

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All orders taken will be measured by the expert Losse cutter who will return at a later date with the garments basted for try on